

--- “Series of 1881” - TOBACCO - Division Open “A 63” - 3rd BABN Contract (1878-1886) ---

--- 1/2 pound - lithographed in blue ink on *block watermarked* vertical mesh wove ---

--- Without the 28 mm. imprint “British American Bank Note Co. Montreal” ---

--- 238 x 20 mm - 4 mm. blue controls - scanned at 67% scale ---

John McKay records that 146,300 *lithographed* copies of “1/2 Blue Tobacco” were ‘Delivered’ under the **3rd BABN Contract** (1878-1886). A portion of these were probably 1/2 pound lithographed “Series of 1883” strips.

Finally in the second ‘TOBACCO’ section of the **4th BABN Contract** John McKay reports the ‘Delivery’ of 1,000 *lithographed* copies of “1/2 lb. Blue Ribbon Tobacco”. This second “TOBACCO” section of the **4th BABN Contract** has been reserved for *obsolete* 1881 strips, which having been declared *obsolete* were ‘Delivered’ by BABN to the Department in February / March 1888 for disposal.

3rd BABN Contract (1878-1886) -
4th BABN Contract - 2nd section -

146,300 - a portion only
1,000

The final ‘upper-limit’ control number on the one-half pound blue “Canada Customs” strips - as collected to date

1/2 pound, Division Open - A 63
1/2 pound, Montreal Division - M 63

020004
001856
21,860

The Lee Brandom catalogue lists the 1/2 pound, blue, Division Open “A 63” CUSTOMS strip as follows:

RP-347 - 1/2 pound, blue, perforated 12, Division Open - A 63, on *block watermarked* vertical mesh wove, 4 mm. controls
RP-348 - 1/2 pound, blue, *coarse roulette*, Division Open - A 63, on *block watermarked* vertical mesh wove - **WANTED!**



RP-348n - 1/2 pound, blue, *coarse roulette*, Division Open “A 63”, without control numbering
Lithographed on *block watermarked* vertical mesh wove

--- RP-347 - 1/2 pound - perforated 12 - on *block watermarked* vertical mesh wove ---



RP-347 - 1/2 pound, blue, perforated 12, Division Open “A 63”, control number **020004**
Lithographed on *block watermarked* vertical mesh wove

020004★
020005-06

RP-347 1/2 pound, perforated 12, block watermarked vertical mesh
RP-347 1/2 pound, perforated 12, block watermarked vertical mesh -
 With a blue fingerprint on the top strip

The following *imperforate* strip is a remnant, probably residue from the second TOBACCO section of the **4th BABN Contract**. It has been scissor-clipped from an unfinished imperforate sheet. Since it was not a production item, I feel that it is preferable to simply list it without a separate catalogue number. There is no legitimate reason for the **CANCELLED** stamping.



1/2 pound, blue, *imperforate*, Division Open “A 63”, without control numbering
Lithographed on *block watermarked* vertical mesh wove - stamped **CANCELLED** - suspect

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